



**CITY OF URBANA  
COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

**DATE:** Monday, February 8, 2016  
**TIME:** 7:00 P. M.  
**LOCATION:** Urbana City Council Chambers  
400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL

**A G E N D A**

**Chair:** Bill Brown - Ward 4

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report**
3. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**
  - a. January 25, 2016
4. **Public Input**
5. **Discussion Items**
  - a. **Review the Rationale for the MOR and the Busey Corridor (CD)**
  - b. **Legislative Proposals: (Mayor)**
    - (1) **Increase funding for 911 agencies.** Allow counties whose voters approved land-line telephone surcharges to extend them to cell phones. (Champaign County voters approved \$1.50 per month over 20 years ago. In 2015 the state overrode this with a state-wide rate of 87 cents - half of what our voters approved - yet the City of Chicago was allowed to increase from \$2.50 up to \$3.90.)
    - (2) **Reform of Binding Arbitration:**
      - a. Allow arbitrators the freedom to fashion a compromise agreement rather than requiring them to choose only one side's offer.
      - b. Require arbitrators to base decisions on a municipality's ability to pay, rather than on what other cities can afford.
      - c. Limit an arbitrator's power to change the discipline imposed by a public safety chief to situations where there was a clear abuse of discretion.
    - (3) **Protect the Mahomet Aquifer:** Prohibit new landfills or expansion of existing landfills over the Mahomet aquifer.

- (4) **Raise the Gasoline Tax to Pay for A Modern Transportation System:** State and federal gasoline taxes have been frozen for decades and no longer provide enough to maintain America's roads and bridges. Today's low gas prices provide an opportunity to increase the state gasoline tax and index it to inflation. Perhaps part of the increase could help fund high-speed rail, reducing traffic congestion and the need for more roads.
- (5) **Financial Transactions Tax:** Study a financial transactions tax on trades made on Chicago exchanges. This might generate \$10 billion annually and solve the state budget crisis.

## 6. Adjournment

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